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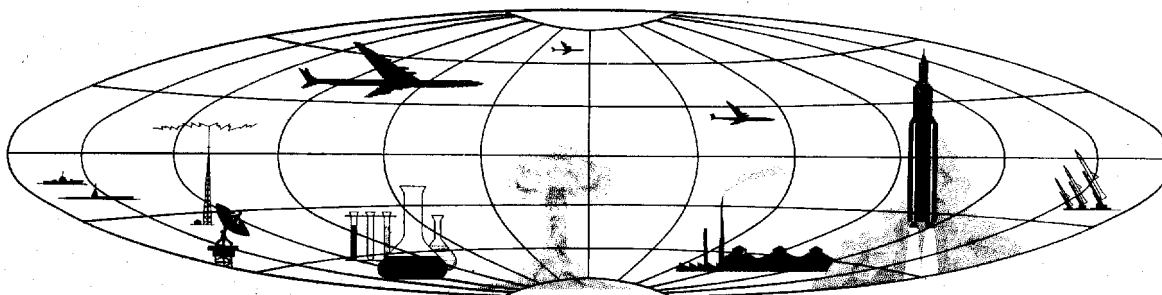
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3453, DATED 26 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2 2239N 07951W

CONCRETE ARCHES REMAIN. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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REMEDIOS IRBM SITE 2225N 07935W

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (ONE WITH MISSILE AND 3 CANVAS COVERED), 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND UNCOVERED RADAR IN GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED AND CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE TRANSPORTER ADJACENT TO CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE-HOLD AREA, AND 6 SETS OF BOGIE WHEELS AT NORTH END OF MISSILE-HOLD AREA.

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CHAPARRA SAM SITE 2107N 07626W

SITE ABANDONED. NO VEHICLES OR ACTIVITY.

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LOS ANGELES SAM SITE 2100N 07541W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, AT LEAST 3 OF WHICH HAVE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILES. SEVEN CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD AREAS. UNREVIEWED, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AREA CONTAINS 6 COVERED AND 20 UNCOVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS WITH PRIME MOVERS, 2 PROBABLE TRANSPORTERS WITHOUT PRIME MOVERS, APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 20 MISSILE CANISTERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS WITH CANVAS-COVERED MISSILES. OCCUPIED UNREVIEWED GUIDANCE AREA. SEVEN CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD AREAS.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES. NO EVIDENCE OF LAUNCHERS  
OR MISSILES IN AREA.

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

NUMEROUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN AREA. OBLIQUITY,  
HAZE AND SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

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-AIRFIELDS-

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CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 15 FAGOT/FRESCO, 28 FISHBED (2 LOCATED AT  
CONSTRUCTION SITE NORTH OF AIRFIELD), AND ONE PROBABLE  
HARE.

APPROXIMATELY 10 POSSIBLE STORAGE TANKS (APPROXIMATELY  
30 X 10 FT EACH) LOCATED IN FRONT OF HANGARETTES  
WEST OF RUNWAY. FOUR POSSIBLE SHIPPING CRATES  
LOCATED EAST OF PARKING APRON.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE LIAISON.  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN AREA.  
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN  
FACILITIES.

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PRESTON AIRFIELD 2044N 07539W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 CLEAT, ONE VISCOUNT, 2 BRITANNIA, 4 C-47, ONE C-46, 3 CRATE, 3 C-54, 3 CONSTELLATION, 4 LIAISON, ONE LODESTAR, ONE B-26, AND ONE CRATE FUSELAGE.

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 6 COLT AND 38 LIAISON/TRAINER.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

APPROXIMATELY 17 CRATES ON PARKING APRON. NO AIRCRAFT VISIBLE. CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 42 HOUND, 5 HARE, 2 CRATE AND ONE CAB. NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT CRATES AND VEHICLES VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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-PORTS-

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MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

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VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE KRONSTADT-CLASS PC, AND ONE PF. NO LARGE VESSELS IN PORT.

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BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

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VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT PUNTA MACABI AND ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT ANTILLA. INCOMPLETE PHOTO COVERAGE.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

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NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W 25X1D

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VESSELS -- ONE LARGE TANKER, 17 LARGE FREIGHTERS (INCLUDING THE [REDACTED] WITH HATCHES OPEN), 15 MEDIUM FREIGHTERS, ONE COASTAL FREIGHTER, ONE COASTAL TANKER, 4 PROBABLE TRAWLERS, 2 KRONSTADT-CLASS PC, ONE PT ON MARINE RAILWAY, ONE PC, 3 PROBABLE PT MANEUVERING JUST OUTSIDE HARBOR, AND ONE PT OUTBOUND IN HARBOR ENTRANCE. NUMEROUS VEHICLES REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE PARK SOUTH OF THE PORT.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

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VESSELS -- ONE MEDIUM FREIGHTER AT ANCHOR.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

VESSELS -- NO LARGE VESSELS IN PORT.

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-ELECTRONICS-

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HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. THIRTEEN TRUCK VANS, 5 TRUCKS AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN SUPPORT AREA.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1D

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES IN MAIN AREA.

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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

CAMP CONTAINS 63 LARGE TENTS, 27 MEDIUM TENTS, 82 SMALL TENTS, 37 TANKS/SP GUNS, 12 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 209 CARGO TRUCKS, 26 UTILITY TRUCKS, 14 VAN TRUCKS, 3 POL TRUCKS, 21 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES, 19 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 13 MOTORCYCLES. AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

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EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA 2051N 07543W

FOURTEEN BUILDINGS AND NUMEROUS TRENCHES OBSERVED. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

25X1D FIVE PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE  
FROG LAUNCHERS, AND 2 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES  
VISIBLE. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.  
SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08212W

25X1D ALL 7 BUNKERS APPEAR COMPLETE. A CANVAS-COVERED  
OBJECT IS NEAR ENTRANCES TO 3 OF THE BUNKERS.

25X1D

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN AMMUNITION STORAGE OR PROBABLE  
ELECTRONICS SITE JUST TO SOUTH.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

25X1D MAIN AREA CONTAINS 33 LARGE, 7 MEDIUM AND 10 SMALL  
TENTS, 12 TANKS/SP GUNS, 4 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, 19 CARGO TRUCKS, 6 UTILITY TRUCKS, AND  
11 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES. NUMEROUS VEHICLES/PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT IN WOODED AREA. AAA SITES REMAIN  
OCCUPIED.

25X1D

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

REFORMATORY PROPER -- 18 LARGE, 8 MEDIUM, 3 SMALL  
TENTS. NO CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT IN VISIBLE AREAS.  
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- ONE  
MEDIUM TENT. NO CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT IN VISIBLE  
AREAS.  
MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- NO CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT IN  
VISIBLE AREAS.  
MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE -- NO CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT IN

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VISIBLE AREAS. AAA SITE 1.5 NM SSE -- AAA SITE IS UNOCCUPIED BUT 6 AAA GUNS REMAIN PARKED IN AREA. 2 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, ONE SMALL TENT, 12 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 10 PRIME MOVERS VISIBLE IN AREA. BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- CLOUD COVERED. MOTOR PARK 1.2 NM SW -- NO CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT IN VISIBLE AREAS.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

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THIRTY-FOUR FLAT-BED TRAILERS (22 OF WHICH HAVE PRIME MOVERS) AND APPROXIMATELY 12 TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED.

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PURIO, MILITARY AREA 2233N 07952W

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NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. EIGHTEEN PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS, AND 10 TO 20 VEHICLES VISIBLE. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

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SIX FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 40 MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES IN AREA.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

21 FA PIECES (12 UNDER TOW). APPROXIMATELY 60  
VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN FACILITIES.

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SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA VICTOR 2300N 08234W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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TARARA LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLEAR PORTIONS.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 7 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS.  
AREA 2 -- 10 VEHICLES.  
AREA 3 -- 8 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS  
AND 18 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2057N 07616W

3.8 NM NNW OF HOLGUIN AT 20-57-00N 076-16-30W.  
MILITARY CAMP ON NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 6-53, JUST WEST  
OF INTERSECTION WITH ROUTE 6-15, CONTAINS 4  
BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS AND ONE SMALLER BUILDING.  
SOUTH SIDE HAS A PROBABLE WOOD FENCE FACING ROUTE  
6-53. THERE ARE 20 TANKS, 9 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES  
(5 OF WHICH HAVE POSSIBLE SMALL TRAILERS OR ARTILLERY  
PIECES BEHIND THEM) IN THE AREA. CONSIDERABLE TRACK  
ACTIVITY EVIDENT.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W 9A011

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES. NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED  
ON LOOP ROAD.

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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED ON SMALLER LOOP ROAD.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

25-30 VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA NEAR NE STORAGE  
SITE. SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

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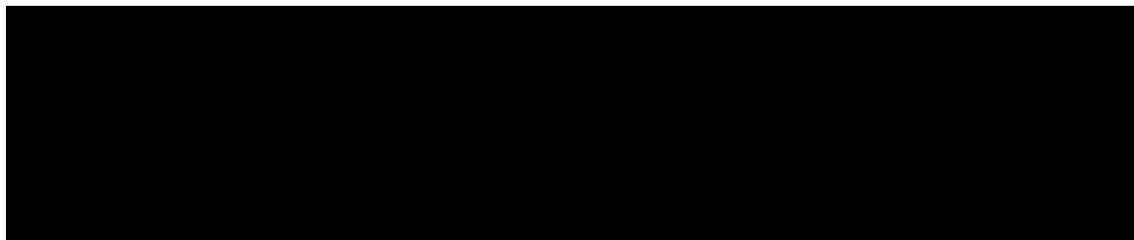
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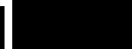
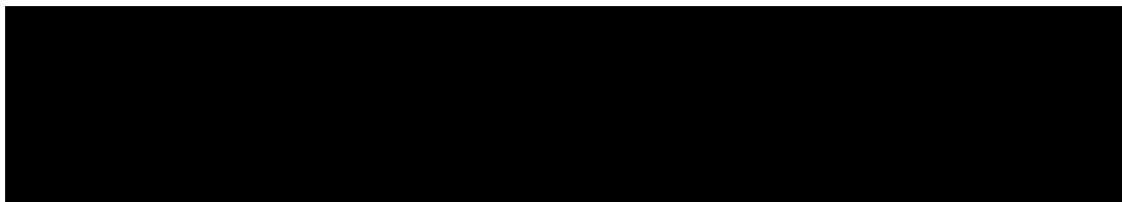
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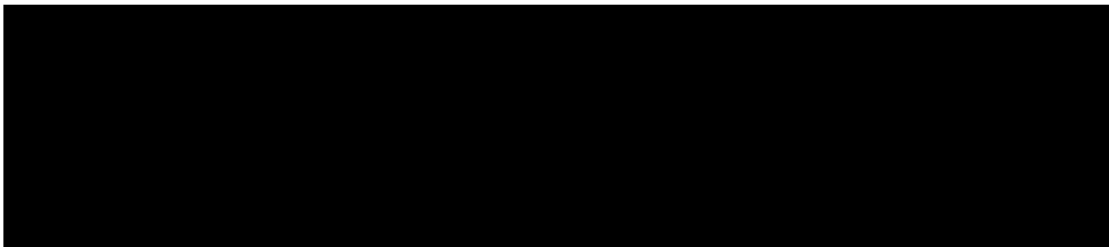
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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W



NO NEW ACTIVITY OBSERVED AT EITHER AREA.  
THREE HELICOPTERS (2 POSSIBLE HOUND, ONE HARE)  
LOCATED IN OPEN FIELD JUST WEST OF LARGE BUILDING ON  
NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY.

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LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION 2301N 08245W



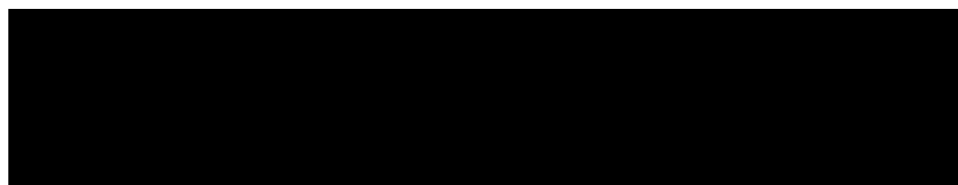
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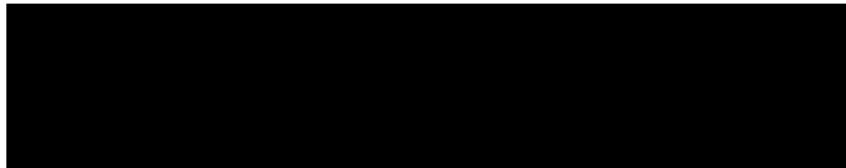
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EL CALVARIO, MUNITIONS STORAGE 2303N 08220W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

MISSION 3453 DID NOT COVER TARGETS EAST OF 75  
DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST OR WEST OF 83 DEGREES  
30 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED,  
BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

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MARIEL SAM SITE  
BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP  
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY

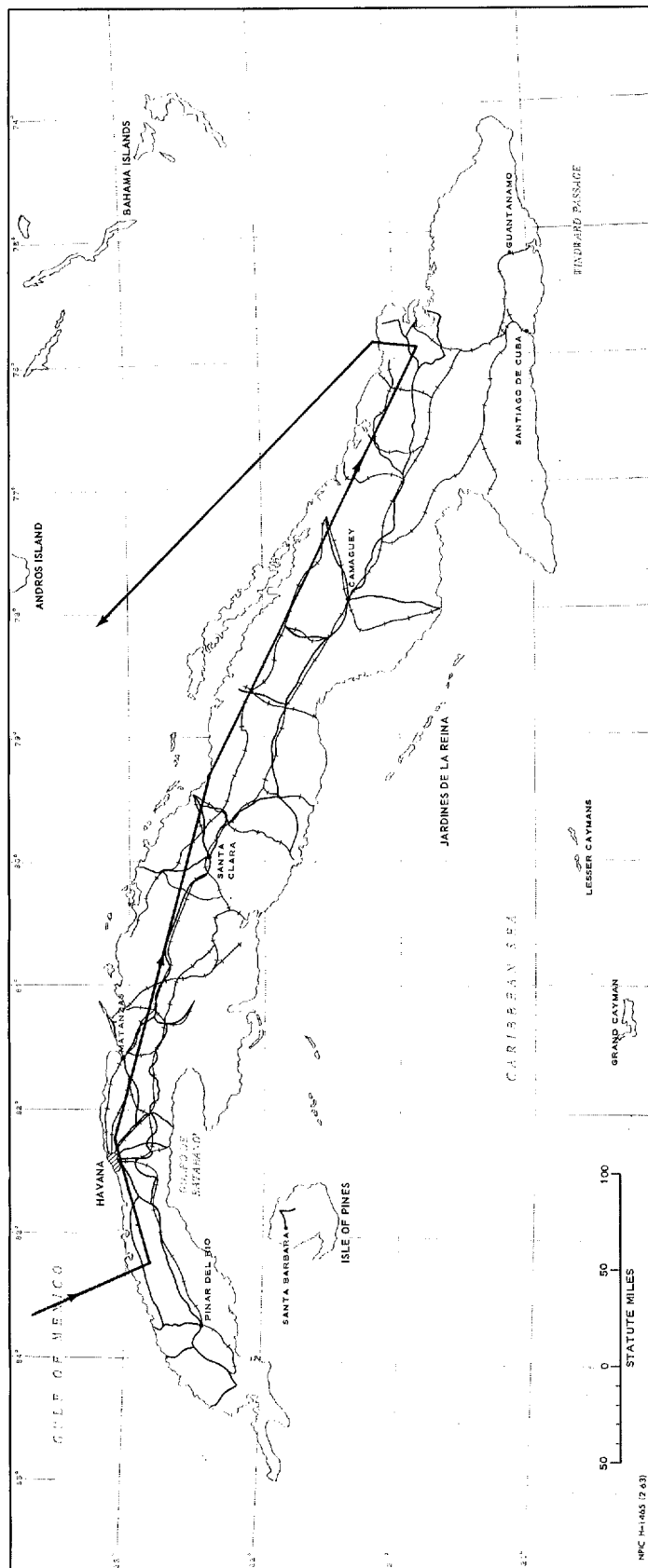
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